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ON the issue of the Microsoft case, it is very clear to me what is the true way to go, and the Microsoft, good company that it is, is really a Monopoly or at least leading an Oligopoly. I must state that I buy, sell and develop for Microsoft Windows platform products. I feel and see the results of Microsoft everyday. It is my business. On the other hand I choose to use Macintosh for my personal needs. I self support my machine at the office and in the home. So I feel I can make a fairly unbiased opinion. Microsoft carries a huge stick. They do what they want, when they want ( you only need to look into their relations with IBM and the development of OS/2 or the recent Xbox launch). They have the money and the marketshare to hold out or buy out. This is not the behaviour of fighting small company. GM cannot work like this, Nestle, Citibank, either. I think for me it is common sense that Microsoft is pushed or broken up. They cannot have unfair advantage based on market share and size. It kills innovation and stifles creativity.

Feel free to contact me at any time.

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